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SEWAGE SPILL IN LA JOLLA WATER CONTACT CLOSURE FOR BIRD ROCK SOUTH TO TOURMALINE SURF PARK

An estimated 3,360 gallon sewer spill occurred this morning, February 9th, on Forward Street in La Jolla. The spill, which was caused by a root blockage in a sewer main line, started at 9:12 AM and ended at 12:00 PM when City of San Diego crews removed the blockage and recovered 360 gallons of the spill. The remaining 3,000 gallons flowed into a storm drain which empties to the ocean near Midway Street at Calumet Park. Signs warning of sewage contaminated water are posted at access points to the ocean between Bird Rock and Tourmaline Surf Park. Signs will remain in place until sample results indicate the ocean water is safe for recreational use.

For more information on the spill, please call the City of San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Department at 858-292-6403.

For updates call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073 OR log on to www.earth911.org , enter your zip code and select 'Beach Water Quality'.

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